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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8786**
Takao IKARIYA et al. : Docket No. 2000_1229
Serial No. 09/661,560 : Group Art Unit 1621
Filed September 14, 2000 : Examiner P. Nazario Gonzalez

METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY
ACTIVE COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 11, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: